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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** EARL ABBOTT, BUILDING OFFICIAL  
**FROM:** WALLIS MESHIER, CNU-A; SENIOR PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATES TO LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS  
**DATE:** AUGUST 25, 2020

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At their meeting on August 18, 2020, the City Council approved an ordinance amending the landscaping provisions found in Chapter 8 and Chapter 31 of the City of Killeen Code of Ordinances. This ordinance primarily serves to remove all landscaping standards from Chapter 8 – Building Construction Regulation and relocate them to Chapter 31 – Zoning. In addition, the approval of this ordinance results in the following changes to the City’s minimum standards regarding landscaping for residential developments:

- The minimum landscaping requirements for residential districts have been increased as follows:
  - “A-R1” (Agricultural Single-Family Residential District) to require two (2) trees per house;
  - “R-1” (Single-Family Residential District) to match “SR-1” (Suburban Residential Single-Family District);
  - “RT-1” (Residential Townhouse Single-Family District) to require one (1) tree and six (6) shrubs per unit; and
  - “R-2” (Two-Family Residential District) to match “SF-2” (Single-Family Residential District);
- The provision in “SR-1” (Suburban Residential Single-Family District) that allows shrubs to replace trees has been removed;
- Irrigation or a hose bib is required for all districts with required landscaping; and
- The definition of caliper has been amended to state that the diameter of a tree shall be measured at a height of four (4) feet six (6) inches above grade.

The matrix on the following page clearly shows how the landscaping standards in each residential zoning district have changed.